THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Conventions could not be ratified as our national laws and practices are not in conformity with the provisions of these Conventions. As per practice, an ILO Convention is ratified only when the national laws and practices are brought fully in conformity with the provisions of the Conventions in question. There is no specific time frame for ratification of these Conventions.

(d) ILO have been requested to revise these Conventions with some flexibility so as to enable us to ratify these Conventions at the earliest.

Training opportunities

2664. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to provide training opportunities to the poor at affordable costs;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) in what manner the funding would be arranged for it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) Government efforts have always been to give access of training to the trainees at an affordable cost. Tuition fee for Craftsmen Training in institutes run by Ministry of Labour is Rs. 20/- per trainee per month. No tuition fee is charged from SC/ ST and physically handicapped trainees.

(c) The tuition fee for State Governments/Private run Industrial Training Institutes is decided by the respective State Council for Vocational Training.

The funds for conducting training are arranged by the Central/ State Governments/Union Territory Administration/Private agencies from their own budget.